

LANSING ISSUES DENIAL OF EVER SEEING BARUCH

Brands as Utterly False Report
of Meeting Wall Street
Operator.

BAD EFFECT FELT ABROAD

State Department Deplores
Prominence Given "Leak"
Rumors in Europe.

Secretary of State Lansing today issued a statement branding as absolutely false and unfounded the report that he had conferred at the Hotel Biltmore, in New York, with Bernard M. Baruch, the Wall Street operator, prior to the publication of President Wilson's peace note to the belligerent powers of Europe.

Thomas W. Lawson, in testifying Monday and Tuesday before the House Rules Committee, which is investigating the alleged "leak" on the President's note, declared that Chairman Henry, of the committee, had told him in confidence not only that such conferences—four in number—had taken place between Secretary Lansing and Mr. Baruch, but that the Rules Committee was in possession of details concerning at least one of those conferences.

Never Met Baruch.

In his statement today Secretary Lansing not only denied, this, but declared that he had never met Mr. Baruch in his life, and that he had only been in New York once since the election, and then to attend the Army-Navy football game on November 25. He said:

"While I dislike very much to dignify by denial this false and malicious scandal, at the same time the publicity which has been given to some of the reports warrants me in saying that, in regard to the statement that I breakfasted several times with Mr. Baruch at the Hotel Biltmore, implying, I assume, that I gave him advance information concerning the note to the belligerents, I never to my knowledge saw Mr. Baruch at any time, I do not know him, and I never had any conversation with him. And I have only been out of Washington once since the election, and then to attend the Army-Navy football game at New York, November 25."

Believable to Comment.

There is strong reason to believe that Mr. Lansing would still have refrained from commenting on the testimony of Mr. Lawson but for the very direct information reaching the department to indicate that an extremely unfavorable impression has been created abroad by the charges that the State Department has permitted "leaks" to occur on diplomatic correspondence. As one official put it:

"The department feels that it is very unfortunate in view of the present diplomatic situation that these rumors concerning the department should be given such prominence. It was further intimated that the charges might have a particularly discouraging effect on the prospects of any attempt which the Administration may have determined upon to seek by secret exchanges to prolong the negotiations looking to peace. In other words, it was declared that belligerent powers might feel a hesitancy about entering into any such negotiations if the impression became fixed abroad that it was impossible to carry on negotiations with the American Government without the risk of having the negotiations 'leak' out to the public."

Discuss Lawyer's Employment.

Democrats of the House Rules Committee held another executive session this morning in an effort to reach an understanding as to when the committee would employ a legal counsel to assist it in its investigation. The series to employ Samuel

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DISBAN HORSE THIEF BODY

Automobile Puts Protective Society
Out of Business.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 18.—After an existence of nearly a quarter of a century, the Walden Horse Thief Detective Association has disbanded because most of the members now own automobiles. The twenty-nine members have each received \$42.52 in a division of the funds in the treasury. The society was the means of running down many who stole horses from its members.

RUSS LEADERS NEAR DUEL

Rodzianko, Duma President, Refuses Hand of Prottopoff.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 18.—A dramatic clash between M. Prottopoff, minister of the interior, and M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma, is described by the Novoye Vremya. According to this story, M. Prottopoff approached M. Rodzianko during the New Year reception at the Tsarskoe Selo and offered his hand in a conciliatory way. The head of the Duma turned away with a curt "Never!"

OFFICER KILLS MAN IN DUEL.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Deputy Sheriff Green Ellis shot and killed A. L. Melvin at Logan, W. Va. The authorities say that Melvin, who was wanted for alleged wifebeating, fired twice when Ellis tried to arrest him, and Ellis replied. Ellis was released on \$2,000 bond.

MAY GIVE DEWEY'S NAME TO ISLANDS

Resolution Offered in House
Would Change Title of
Danish Indies.

A resolution to name the Danish West Indies "The Dewey Islands," in honor of the late Admiral George Dewey, was read on the floor of the House this afternoon by Congressman Allen of Ohio. The House applauded the suggestion, but the resolution took the customary course, and will be referred to a committee.

Mr. Allen read a telegram from a constituent, Alexander Landeskog, of Cincinnati, suggesting that the Danish West Indies be called the Dewey Islands.

"Following this suggestion," said Mr. Allen, "I have introduced a resolution providing that as soon as the United States takes physical possession of the Danish West Indies the name of these islands shall be changed, and they shall hereafter be known and designated as the Dewey Islands, in honor of George Dewey, late admiral of the United States navy, whose services to his country through all posterity would be thus gratefully acknowledged."

Mr. Allen's suggestion came after Congressman Dale of Vermont, representing the district in which Admiral Dewey was born, had paid a brief tribute to the naval career of the admiral.

WILSON ABANDONS PEACE PROPOSALS

President Will Not Reply to
Latest Note From
Powers.

President Wilson, it is believed, has definitely abandoned for the present all idea of any further exchange of notes with the European belligerents on the subject of peace.

Strong intimations to this effect were given today when it was authoritatively declared at the State Department that the United States probably would not reply to the reply of the entente powers to the President's original peace note.

To Discourage Neutrals.

On all hands this supplementary reply is regarded as so emphatically opposed in its language to peace at the present time, as to discourage any further suggestion from neutrals. For the United States to persist in its efforts in spite of the statement in this reply that no peace can be durable "if it be not based on the success of the allies' cause," would, in the opinion of trained diplomats here give further offense.

May Rebuke Gerard.

President Wilson still has under consideration, it is understood, the advisability of administering a mild rebuke to James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany, for his recent speech in Berlin regarding the present "cordial relations" existing between the United States and Germany.

While there is no confirmation here of press reports from Berlin, via Amsterdam, that Gerard has offered to resign in the event that his remarks were disapproved by the President, it can be stated authoritatively that officials here believe that Mr. Gerard made a grievous error. Contrary to the impression that seems to exist in certain entente quarters here that Mr. Gerard was speaking under instructions from Washington, it was flatly declared at the State Department today that officials here were absolutely thunderstruck when they read the press reports of the speech.

So surprised were they, it was stated, that the dispatch as to regard the press reports as unreliable. It

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BET AGAINST PEACE

London Sends Money Here to Be
Wagered on Move to End War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Germany's peace overtures and President Wilson's note to the belligerents have caused a revival of betting in Wall Street on the end of the war.

It was learned today at the offices of a foreign exchange broker that a large amount of money is here from London to be wagered against the end of hostilities before the end of October.

GERMANS' BEER RESTRICTED

Munich Citizens Can Only Have
Four Glasses in Each Cafe.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Munich military authorities struggling with the beer shortage problem have limited the amount which may be served daily to any one customer to one half-liter glass with luncheon and three half-liter glasses with dinner.

KEY BRIDGE PUT UP TO CONGRESS

Capitol May Be Asked to De-
cide on How New Span Is
to Be Built.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY NOW

Million Thought Inadequate for
Double-Deck Construction
as Planned.

The War Department may be compelled to ask Congress to decide whether the new Key Bridge across the Potomac at Georgetown should be a single deck or a double deck structure. The question of doubt raised as to whether the bridge can be built along plans under consideration with the present appropriation of \$1,000,000 may force this submission of the entire question to Congress.

Col. W. A. F. Flagler, engineer in charge of the bridge, has prepared two sets of plans for the bridge.

Separate Plans.

One set contemplates a double deck structure, with the upper deck used for general traffic, and the lower deck for street cars; and the other plan is for a single deck bridge which would accommodate both classes of traffic.

Owing to the advance in cost of bridge materials and labor, it has been found that the double deck bridge would possibly require an amount more than the limit of the appropriation. It is also considered a question whether it is possible to carry out the present plans for the single deck bridge with the funds available.

Considering Question.

Secretary of War Baker and Brig. Gen. W. M. Black, chief of engineers, now have under consideration the question of whether the plans for the single deck bridge shall be modified so that it can be constructed within the limit of \$1,000,000, or whether the double deck bridge plans shall be recommended and Congress asked for an additional appropriation, or whether the entire matter shall be submitted to Congress.

If this is done Congress will be asked to decide the character of the bridge.

Passed Both Sets.

The commission of fine arts has passed favorably on the architectural feature of both sets of plans. Both plans provide for two terminals on the Georgetown side, one on M street at Thirty-first street and the latter on N street at Thirty-fifth street.

This latter section would cross M street on a viaduct, giving an outlet on M street for street car connection with the Washington Railway and Electric Company lines.

No delay will be caused by submitting the question to Congress. War Department officials said, as the character and location of the supporting piers are the same in both plans and construction of the piers can be prosecuted pending the settlement of the question now in controversy.

VENIZELISTS RELEASED

Greek Government Frees Adherents
of Former Premier.

ATHENS, Jan. 18.—Release of all imprisoned adherents of former Premier Venizelos was announced as completed today.

From the above dispatch it appears that the Greek government is finally according complete acquiescence to the allied demands. The principal bone of contention in recent negotiations has been over disincorporation of the royal government to free adherents of former Premier Venizelos, now heading a revolutionary government, who were imprisoned from time to time.

TAGORE SAILS FOR HOME

Indian Poet Impressed With the
"Crudeness" of Americans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Sir Rabindranath Tagore, best known as a winner of the Nobel prize for poetry, sailed for India at the conclusion of his tour of America. The poet observed, in leaving, that one of the most pronounced Americanisms he had noticed was that American women "have more leisure than any women in the world, and they could use it well in study and improvement."

He also believed that economic conditions which prevail in America give promise of this being the greatest nation in the world. But with it all, the poet declared, he could not but see "much impoliteness and crudeness" on the part of Americans with whom he came in contact.

LASSEN PEAK AGAIN ERUPTS

California Volcano Spouts Ashes
and Inky Smoke Clouds.

MONTGOMERY CREEK, Cal., Jan. 18.—Lassen Peak erupted today with great force, showering ash-like ejecta over its snowy slopes and spouting a cloud of inky volcanic smoke that arches westward 125 miles. Reports of a flow of hot volcanic mud down the mountainside came from Whitmore, a small settlement, but later were discounted by a report that the flow could be made out through the haze of steam and smoke.

CALLS CAPITAL IDEAL IN PHONES

C. & P. President Tells Law-
makers Half White Homes
Use Service.

POINTS TO COLORED PEOPLE

Lie Passed by Congressman in
Controversy With Specta-
tor at Hearing.

Forty-three per cent of the white families and 23-10 per cent of the colored families in the District have telephones, according to F. H. Bethell, president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, who appeared today before the House District Committee.

President Bethell, who appeared in opposition to the Lewis bill providing for Government ownership of telephones in the District, said statistics showed that there was a telephone for every other white family in Washington. He exhibited a number of maps to show what the company had done to develop the telephone industry here, and how utilization had been constantly increased. "Until Washington is the most highly developed capital in the world from a telephonic standpoint."

Only 5 Per Cent.

He also stated that out of the 60,000 telephones in the District only 4,000 are used by the Federal and District governments and that while the Government uses 10 per cent of the telephones it pays the company only 5 per cent of the total revenue the company received here. The \$110,426.48 paid as taxes to the District government by the company, he said, was \$15,032.55 more than received from the Government, he declared.

The conclusion of today's session of the committee was marked by a scene between Congressman Raggsdale, of South Carolina, and an unidentified spectator in which the lie was passed by the lawmaker.

The spectator, a middle-aged man wearing glasses, openly complained that J. H. Kimball, a witness, called to testify as to the authenticity of a report quoted from yesterday by President Bethell, had not been allowed to answer questions.

Charges Special Interest.

"This is the most impolite committee I ever saw," said the spectator. "The committee seems to be representing special interests, and won't give the witness a chance to answer questions."

"That statement is a — dam lie," shouted Congressman Raggsdale. He warmly resented the imputation cast in the spectator's remarks and offered to go outside and settle the matter man to man.

The spectator walked off afterward that the charge of representing special interests was ludicrous in his own case "because" in the Senate of

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\$2 RATE NOW FOR SPITTERS

When They Deny Their Guilt the
Fine is \$5.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The rates in some police courts for spitting in public places, that is, being caught at it, have increased. Two magistrates imposed \$2 fines yesterday and one magistrate fined two men \$5 after he had found them guilty, when they had denied it. The day before only one magistrate charged more than \$1 upon conviction.

Magistrate Krotel in Jefferson market court, imposed the \$5 fine. He fined twenty-four other defendants, who pleaded guilty, \$2 each. Previously his rate had been \$1.

Magistrate McGuire continued his \$2 rate. He had six offenders before him in police court.

Eighty men were in the police courts yesterday charged with this offense. All of them were found guilty. The other magistrates held to their old rates of \$1. The East Side Protective Association plans to send the 100 boy and girl members of its police force out today after spitters. After the child gets the name and address of an offender a summons will be applied for. If the violator of the law of decency declines to give his name and address the child will appeal to the nearest policeman. They will work only on the East Side.

AMBULANCE OVERTURNS

Emergency Hospital Doctor and
Chauffeur Escape Injury.

Dr. Sidney Cousins, of the Emergency Hospital staff, and Herbert Green, colored, chauffeur of the hospital, escaped injury today when the ambulance steering gear broke and the ambulance overturned at Sixteenth and U streets northwest.

The ambulance was going for a private patient at an address in Fourteenth street northwest. The ambulance was damaged to such an extent that it was unable to continue on the call.

SUICIDE A PRIZE WINNER

\$500 Awarded to the Late Dr. J.
Noble Stockett for an Essay.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—Announcement was made today that Dr. J. Noble Stockett, Jr., of this city, an instructor at Dartmouth College, who ended his life in September because of overwork, won the \$500 prize for an economic essay he wrote under the auspices of a Chicago concern.

Dr. Stockett was twenty-seven years old, and a noted lacrosse player at Johns Hopkins.

GERMAN RAIDER PURSUED BY FOUR OF FASTEST OF BRITAIN'S CRUISER FLEET

WARSHIPS HUNTING RAIDER.

British cruiser VINDICTIVE—Built in 1897, of 5,750 tons and speed of 19 knots. Carries ten 6-inch guns and eight 3-inch guns in her main batteries.

British cruiser GLASGOW—Built in 1897, of 4,800 tons and a speed of 25 knots. Carries two 6-inch guns and ten 4-inch guns in main batteries.

British converted cruiser EDINBURG CASTLE—Formerly the merchantman of the same name—Built in 1910, of 13,826 tons and property of the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company, of London. She has a speed of nearly 20 knots.

British converted cruiser ORAMA—Formerly the merchantman of the same name—Built in 1911, of 12,927 tons and property of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, of Glasgow. Her horsepower would indicate a speed close to 20 knots.

Both of the converted merchantmen are undoubtedly well armed.

THAW ROOM GUARD GETS HYSTERICAL

"Shoots Up" Place, Screaming
That Some One Tried to
Gain Entrance.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Breaking under the strain of his long vigil, Norman Kelly, a private detective, employed to guard the room where Harry K. Thaw attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat and wrists, became hysterical and started to "shoot up" the place early today.

Kelly, who is attached to the Val O'Farrell agency, declared some one had attempted to enter the apartment and had cut him with a knife.

He exhibited a number of scratches on his face. Then Kelly started to shoot. He smashed the chandelier, dented the door and screamed so loudly that neighbors were attracted and called the police.

Police Say Hallucination.

Police attribute Kelly's actions to an hallucination. The thought that some one might break into the room, occupied now by Mrs. Elizabeth Tacet, so preyed upon his mind, it is believed, that he thought an intruder was near him. Mrs. Tacet is out of the city.

Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, Harry Thaw's mother, has left St. Mary's Hospital and gone into seclusion among friends near the city.

Soon after she left her son's bedside, where she has been since Sunday, he became weaker, and physicians who attended him said that though no fatal results were anticipated, they felt concerned about his early recovery.

Lawyers Are Silent.

With the disappearance of Mrs. Thaw, the lawyers who have been here planning Thaw's defense against the indictment in New York, had less to say about their plans.

They announced that they might do anything, but that nothing was to be decided upon until Harry comes out of the stupor which followed his attempt to kill himself last Thursday.

Mrs. Thaw has been so annoyed by curious persons telephoning and sending her letters since she came to St. Mary's Hospital that she decided suddenly to go away for a rest. Not even the Thaw lawyers and advisers were told where she was going. She probably will not return to the hospital until Saturday.

Dr. Walther Riddle, a close friend of the Thaw family, who has been here since Thursday, said he was not alarmed by Harry's condition, but found him weaker, and believed it to be merely a reaction due to the tremendous loss of blood and the severity of the stock of his wounds.

FOREIGNERS LEAVE CANADA

Fear Compulsory Service, But Ottawa Reassures Them.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Fear of compulsory military service caused by distribution of national service cards calling for statements of age, physical condition and other information required by the government, has resulted in an exodus of foreigners from Canada to the United States.

The migration, chiefly from the cities, has interrupted seriously with many Canadian industries, and in order to keep the workmen in Canada the Dominion government has issued a statement explaining that compulsory military service is not under consideration, and that should this step become necessary, it would only affect British subjects.

POULTICE CAUSES DEATH

Boy Is Strangled When Neck
Swells.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 18.—A tight flaxseed poultice that shut off respiration caused the death of John Capelle, sixteen, at his home at Standard near here, tonight. Physicians declared it one of the most extraordinary causes of death in medical annals.

Capelle recently suffered from a carbuncle on his neck. When he felt the carbuncle returning today he prepared a flaxseed poultice and applied it himself. Soon his neck began to swell, and the cloth tightened so that it shut off breathing.

Japanese Warship Reported to
Have Joined Chase of
Marauder.

BEGIN TO SWEEP ATLANTIC

Fate of Hundreds Taken From
Captured Ships in
Doubt.

HUDSON MARU ALSO PRIZE

German Commerce Destroyer
Left Kiel Under Danish Flag.
Prisoners Complain.

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BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 18.—The British navy as represented in South Atlantic waters is today in full cry on the hunt for the German raider—still at large—which to date is believed to have sunk or captured twenty-six allied merchant ships.

Latest reports account for twenty-four merchantmen rounded up by the Teutonic raider, and with two additional vessels missing it is believed, they too, may have been sunk or captured.

Fast Cruisers In Pursuit.

Four fast cruisers, including the famous Glasgow, which took part in the Coronel battle two years ago, are understood to be leading the hunt for the raider. One report, as yet unconfirmed, also declares a Japanese cruiser is steaming northward from Papea, Alaska, to join the chase.

In addition to the Glasgow, the British warships seeking the raider are understood to be the Vindictive, the Orama, and the Edinburgh Castle. The Vindictive, and Glasgow are cruisers capable of 19 to 25 knots an hour. The Orama and Edinburgh Castle are converted cruisers, in commission as merchant ships before the war, and possessed of great speed. The armament of the latter two vessels is not known, but the Vindictive and Glasgow carry batteries of ten, eight, and four-inch guns.

Also Seeking Tinto.

While search is being made for the raider, described as being of the Vinta or Moewe type, the sea also is being combed for the steamer Tinto, which recently sailed from Santiago under suspicious circumstances.

The belief is growing that the Tinto carried supplies to the German raider. When last seen the Tinto was manned by a German crew—all Chileans having been sent back—but Chilean and British warships have been unable to locate her.

Suspicion in Connection With.

The German commerce raid was also attached to the blacklisted steamer Alaquash, which was scheduled to sail today from Buenos Aires for New York. The Alaquash flies the American flag, but she will be kept under surveillance so long as she is in Argentine waters.

Two Steamers Missing.

Every endeavor was being made today to obtain definite word as to the French steamer Admiral Latouche Treville and the British steamer Araguaia. Both of these steamers are missing, and it is believed they may have been sunk or captured.

The steamships Araguaia and Admiral Latouche Treville, reported as missing and believed also to have fallen victims to the German raider, are listed in Lloyd's register as follows:

Araguaia—10,537 tons; property of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, of Belfast.

Admiral Latouche Treville—5,573 tons; property of the Chargeurs Reunis, of Havre, France.

Two More Victims Added.

The list of victim vessels of the new German raider which swept the Atlantic during the past month was raised to 24 today—with the possibility that it may reach twenty-six.

Two more merchantmen, one British and one French, are missing. They have probably been captured or sunk by the Teutonic sea terror. It is believed here.

In addition to the twenty-three vessels accounted for yesterday, it was definitely established today that the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru was included among the raider's prizes. She arrived at Pernambuco in charge of a German crew.

Raider Under Danish Flag.

Survivors landed from the Japanese vessel also told the first connected story of the operations of the raider today.

The latest German sea rover left Kiel, flying the Danish flag, the survivors said. The dispatches reporting their stories said they declared she was in ballast, being laden only with iron.

The German raider is not only still at large, but she is plentifully supplied with food and fuel—taken from her score and more captures. When she sent the Hudson Maru thirty miles or so to Pernambuco, she turned tail and sped away into the horizon line.

The German adopted the greatest precautions in guarding her plans from the hundreds of prisoners taken aboard her prizes. The survivors were closely confined below decks. They